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SUBJ: GOC RESTRICTS GUM ARABIC COLLECTION OF AGRICOLA

REFS: A) NDJAMENA 2783, B) STATE 257751; C) NDJAMENA 2879;

D) NDJAMENA 2971; E) NDJAMENA 3195

1. RESIDENT MANAGER KLEEN OF AGRICOLA METALS CORPORATION, ONLY OPIC-INSURED FIRM CHAD, RECEIVED LETTER FROM FINANCE MINISTER DJOGO (REF E) INFORMING HIM OF GOC DECISION TO TRANSFER COUNTRY-WIDE MONOPOLY COLLECTION WILD GUM ARABIC FROM AGRICOLA TO SONACOT, CHADIAN STATE FIRM. SONACOT INFORMED AGRICOLA IT ALONE WOULD FINANCE AND CONDUCT THIS SEASON'S GUM COLLECTION. AGRICOLA MANAGER PROTESTED VIOLATION OF ITS 1974 AGREEMENT WITH GOC WHICH HAD GIVEN AGRICOLA MONOPOLY.

2. KLEEN FEELS EFFECT DECISION IS EFFECTIVE END OF AGRICOLA OPERATIONS CHAD, SINCE 600 HECTARE GUM ARABIC DEVELOPMENT PLANTATION MUST WAIT FIVE YEARS FOR TREES TO MATURE BEFORE PROFITS FROM SALE GUM ARE POSSIBLE. IN EFFECT, AGRICOLA HAS LOST ITS ONLY CURRENT REVENUE-PRODUCING ACTIVITY.

3. KLEEN WASTOLD PROBLEM OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS OUT OF CHAD (REFS A, B, C, D) IS PROBLEM RED TAPE ONLY, AND WILL BE RESOLVED FAVORABLY.

4. COMMENT: AGRICOLA'S AGREEMENT WITH PREVIOUS GOC REGIME GAVE AGRICOLA MONOPOLY COLLECTION AND MARKETING WILD GUM, SHARING PROFITS WITH SONACOT. IN RETURN, AGRICOLA WOULD SUPPLY

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COLLECTION ORGANIZATION, FINANCING, AND UNDERTAKE DOMESTIC

PLANTATION AND FIRST STAGE PROCESSING PLANT. KLEEN TELLS US  
SOME 600 HECTARES NOW PLANTED WITH 600,000 TREES. EMBASSY WILL  
UTILP E OCNNSEHNS AS TIDSPCCUGCW CONVEY INFORMALLY TO GOC  
EMB DISMAY THAT MAJOR DECISION ADVERSELY AFFECTING US CONCERN  
TAKEN WITHOUT EVEN COURTEST DISCUSSING OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS  
WITH FIRM. BEFORE APPROACHING GOC ON CASE MORE FORMALLY,  
HOWEVER, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT  
PROTECTION IF ANY OFFERED AGRICOLA BY OIKMMJI RANCE IN THIS  
INSTANCE; AND WIT OBLIGATIONS WOULD DEVOLVE ON USC KCIEMB IN  
LDVEN INSURANCE APPLICABLE.GTY TTLE

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